



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

August 21, 2025

**City of Manhattan Beach Outdoor Dining Ordinance Amendment**

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Manhattan Beach is circulating a Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for public comment.

**Project Description:** The project proposes to amend the existing Manhattan Beach Municipal Code (MBMC) and Manhattan Beach Local Coastal Program (MBLCP) to update and supplement provisions related to sidewalk dining, outdoor dining on private property and commercial vehicle loading in the following chapters or sections:

- MBMC/MBLCP Chapter 7.36 (Private Use of the Public Right of Way)
- MBMC Section 10.60.080/MBLCP Section A.60.080 (Outdoor facilities)
- MBMC Chapters 14.01 (Definitions) and 14.44 (Stopping for Loading or Unloading Only)

Sidewalk dining regulations would become applicable only to Downtown and North Manhattan Beach commercial zoning districts (CD and CNE, respectively), while private property outdoor dining would continue to be allowed citywide. The outdoor dining provisions would focus on operational standards that have since changed as a result of COVID-19, and reflect input received from the City's outdoor dining task force and community outreach efforts. New sections in the City's Traffic Code would regulate the location and hours of commercial vehicle loading activities to address noise and access impacts to residential uses in proximity to commercial uses.

**Environmental Determination:** An Initial Study has been prepared which determined that a Negative Declaration is the appropriate environmental document to be prepared for the Project. As detailed within the Draft IS/ND, adoption of the proposed text amendments to the MBMC and MBLCP would not result in any potentially significant environmental impacts. The Draft IS/ND is being circulated for a 31day public review starting August 22, 2025, and ending September 22, 2025. During this period, a copy of the document is available for review online at [www.manhattanbeach.gov/outdoordining](http://www.manhattanbeach.gov/outdoordining), and at the locations listed below:

City of Manhattan Beach (City Hall)  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

County of Los Angeles Public Library  
1320 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

Joslyn Community Center  
1601 Valley Drive  
Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

Manhattan Heights  
1600 Manhattan Beach Boulevard  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Interested parties must submit their comments in writing by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025. Comments must be submitted with the subject line "Outdoor Dining Ordinance Amendment" via post or email to the following address:

City of Manhattan Beach (Attention: Jaehee Yoon)  
1400 Highland Avenue  
Manhattan Beach CA, 90266  
Email: [jyoon@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:jyoon@manhattanbeach.gov)

The final IS/ND will incorporate responses to written comments received during the public review period. The final document will be considered by the City Council for approval. Questions regarding this notice should be addressed to Jaehee Yoon at (310) 802-5513 or [jyoon@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:jyoon@manhattanbeach.gov).

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